Sophisticated equipment such as X-ray baggage machines, night-vision binoculars and metal detectors are being increasingly utilised. Sub-Collectorates under the charge of Additional collectors have been recently created with headquarters at Jodhpur and Amritsar for combating smuggling across the vulnerable Indo-Pakistan border. Close co-ordination is being maintained by all the agencies concerned such as Customs, Coast Guard, BSF, Police in the detection and prevention of smuggling.

Claims of Indian Nationals for Property left in the Erstwhile East Pakistan

1440. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of claims registered with the government for property left by Indian nationals in the erstwhile east Pakistan;

(b) the total value of the admitted claims;

(c) when the compensation is likely to be paid;

(d) the number of cases of enemy property pending with the Custodian of Enemy Property as on April 1, 1991, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government have prescribed a cut-off date for taking custody of properties alleged to be enemy property?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SNRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) In all 57,493 ex-gratia claim applications were registered with the custodian of Enemy Property. The majority of the claim cases registered appears to pertain to erstwhile East Pakistan.

(b) Total value of admitted and paid Ex-gratia claim cases upto September, 1991, is Rs. 68.41 crores. The value in respect of the pending claims, which are under verification, is difficult to assess.

(c) Custodian of Enemy Property has been asked to expeditiously finalise the pending ex-gratia claims by the end of the first quarter of next year.

(d) There are 538 immovable property cases consisting of land and buildings recorded in the office of the Custodian of Enemy Property. State-wise break-up is attached statement.

(e) No, Sir.

STATEMENT

Immovable Enemy Properties in various states in India

Name of state	*No. of properties Income receiving cases*
Andhra Pradesh	
Assam	2
Andaman	1
Bihar	3
Calcutta	93
Delhi	9
Gujarat	6
Goa	3
Karnataka	1
Madhya Pradesh	1
Rajasthan	-
Tamil Nadu	6

Name of state	*No. of properties income receiving cases*
Maharashtra	13
U.P.	329
Haryana	-
Kerala	-
West Bengal	69
	538

NRI Remittances

1441. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of quarterly inflow of remittances by non-resident Indians as well as outflow of their deposits during 1989, 1990 and 1991 so far;

(b) the break-up of total remittances during 1989 and 1990 by country-of-origin; and

(c) the steps taken by the government to promote the inflow and to decelerate the outflow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) According to Reserve Bank of India, such information is not compiled.

(c) Government has initiated several steps to promote the inflow of remittances by Non-Resident Indians, the most important of which was the exchange rate adjustment. Other measures taken to restore the confidence of Non-Resident Indians include, inter-alia, structural reforms in trade and industrial policy.

Quarterly inflow/outflow of remittances from Non-resident Indians (NRIs).

STATEMENT

(Figures in brackets are in US Dollar million based on International Financial Statistics exchange rates)

(Rupees in Crores)

Year	*Foreign currency Non-Resident Account*	*Non-Resident (External) A/c.*	*Total*
1989-90	1159	-41	1118
April-June	(720)	(-25)	(695)
July-September	229	-23	206
(138)	(-14)	(124)	
October	591	-70	521
December	(349)	(-41)	(308)
January-March	186	130	316
	(109)	(76)	(185)